

Volatile and challenging

INFLUENCES FROM EARTH, FIRE AND WATER ELEMENTS ARE LIKELY TO CREATE VARIED OUTCOMES FROM DECEMBER 7 TO JANUARY 4.

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ovember was off to a good start with equity markets showing strength to break new highs for 2009. This strong showing can only be attributed to the wood element, which has surprisingly provided sturdy support.

For the month of December, the Yang Fire Rat dominates with the earth element. Equity markets may struggle to gain strength during the month's first half while earth-related industries such as property and coal mine are likely to enjoy good profit and wealth during the second half.

Both fire and water have weakening effect on metal. It would be interesting to see if gold prices would go through a correction during this month.

Another industry to watch would be that which is related to wood. It is likely to do well this month basing on the influence of water and fire from the sun, which will set the pace for growth.

The monthly flying stars shows the negative influences to be in the regions of the North West (Yellow 5), North East (Robbery Star 7), South East (Disputes Star 3) and East (Sickness Star 2).

The table below gives an indication on the countries that are represented by the nine sectors:

| REGIONS | COUNTRIES | PERFORMANCE |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| North | China, Russia, Europe | Good |
| North West | Canada, UK | Good |
| North East | Hong Kong, Taiwan | Good |
| West | USA | Weak |
| South West | Latin America, Brazil | Slow |
| South East | SE Asia countries | Volatile |
| East | Japan, Korea | Volatile |
| Central | Middle East | Challenge |

The North West will be the worst plagued sector by the notorious star Yellow 5. An indication of potential disasters such as floods, wind or sea related disasters calamities and loss of wealth hovers in this region.

For the North East sector, losses of wealth and

metal-related accidents or disasters (e.g. plane or car crash) pose threat as a result of the robbery star. Any investment in this region shows tendency for losses due to fierce competition.

The South East sector may have sudden changes, riots and disputes with the presence of the Disputes Star 3. When combined with the yearly star 8, the Star 3 is likely to bring strength for wood. Financial markets in this region would be volatile.

The East sector is likely to be affected by the Sickness Star 2. Watch out for plagues and earthquakes. The economy of this region may be slow and sluggish this month due to diseases or fire related disasters.

The Central region will be influenced by the Star 4 – giving way to learning, networking and romance. Good for those taking exams or looking for more networking opportunities.

Countries in the South will be under the Wealth Star 8, which suggests great potential for business and profit. This region is ideal for those who are making plans and are waiting for the opportunities to strike.

Political and leadership with the influence of star 6 dominates the West region. People working towards recognition and authority may find this region suitable.

The South West region will have the Star 1, which indicates recognition. However, when combined with the yearly star influence, this may mean influential power and political success.

The North sector will be dominated by the Star 9 – indicating advancement and future wealth. When combined with the yearly star 5, this presents the possibility of sudden explosion or fire-related disaster.

CONCLUSIONS

There is a potential for gold to see correction this month. Pay attention to the growth of wood-related industries such as agriculture or grains. It will be an exciting month for the South East Asia region when the monthly and yearly star combine to show strength and result in an arrangement made in heaven! Tap on the South sector if you want to see fast return on your investments. Be watchful of the North region as it is likely to bring explosive results. **SI**

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